

From the Principal's desk....

Dear Williams' Family:

The Williams Middle School faculty and staff have been involved in various activities to improve student learning. Teachers have participated in both district and on site staff development activities.

Thirty-nine students were recognized at Francis Marion University for meeting the criteria to be named South Carolina Junior scholars. Student qualified by making a score of 50 or above (80 is the highest score possible) on either math, verbal or writing portion of the PSAT.

The Ninth Annual School Wide Showcase was held in February. It provided all students an opportunity to display their work, present a project, or participate in a performance. The Wax Museum continues to be the highlight of the evening.

The Southern Regional Education Board sponsors an improvement initiative, and since joining the Making Middle Grades Work (MMGW) initiative, Williams Middle School continues to refine its programs and improve learning. The goal of the program is to ensure that middle school students are prepared for high school courses. We began utilizing the Redo Café which is an important component of "The Power of the I." This program helps to reduce failures, ensure success, and teach responsibility.

Williams Middle school participated in the Sand Hills Regional Science Fair which was held at Francis Marion University.

Williams Middle School continues to seek additional and better ways to improve academic achievement. We are striving for excellence, and we will achieve it. We ask that you assist us in this task.

Leon A. McCray, Jr. Principal

Academic Initiatives

Project Lead The Way

Project Lead The Way is providing science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs. It has provided high-quality professional development so that teachers can help students develop the skills needed to succeed in the global economy. Courses offered under PLTW are Design and Modeling and Medical Detectives

Compass Odyssey

Williams Middle School is using Compass Odyssey software, which gives students assignments in English, Math, Social Studies and Science based on their individual performance levels on the MAP test (Measure of Academic Progress). Compass Odyssey is an interactive, colorful and motivating program that students enjoy while receiving remediation based on individual skill levels. MAP scores are used to assess students' progress, guide instruction and make subject choices for the students' ninth grade year.

Something To Brag About..

Williams Middle School continues to offer incentives and rewards for students who exceed expectations and/or show improvement. The student council presents rewards quarterly to honor roll students and the math department hosts a celebration annually for students who have shown gains on the MAP test. CSX Transportation also sponsors a cook-out twice a year to reward students who have not had any discipline referrals during each semester. Our goal is to implement as much positive reinforcement as possible so that all students will strive to improve their academic performance and decrease discipline referrals.

2015 Sandhill Regional Science Fair Winners

Botany
1st-Lily Andrews
3rd-Mason McKnight

Gerontology/Medicine
1st-Rosanna Ervin
2nd-Parker Denton

Chemistry
1st-Katelyn Franck
3rd-Adam Bessenger

Microbiology/Zoology
1st-Isabella Ouyang

Earth and Space
1st-Annie Kate Watson
Honorable Mention-Tom Faile

Physics
1st-Anthony Santianna

Team Honorable Mention
Timothee Gillier and Patrick Wang
Sidonie Gillier and Simran Singh
Samai Bhojwani and Pansi Patel

2015 JUNIOR SCHOLARS

Amelia Abernathy	Lily Andrews
Reed Bausmith	Lydia Belinski
James Belt	Kristen Black
Cameron Byrd	David Conti
Parker Denton	Jonathan Dunphy
McKenna Dynan	Katelyn Franck
Campbell Frost	Justin Hedges
Daniel Hilbourn	Grace Hinson
Brianna Holbrook	Nicholas Jacobs
Kushbu Jivan	Jailen Johnson
Kelvin Kamau	Virginia Kenan
Kylie Kilpatrick	Elizabeth King
Angie Kuang	Alice Lee
Jackson Linneen	Bailey McGinley
Dawson Muckelroy	Audrey Pope
Alex Reid	Jackson Scott
Simran Singh	Henry Smith
Sara Summerfield	Isabel Townsend
Annie Watson	Allie Williams
Bethany Williams	

2015 DUKE TIP SCHOLARS

Thomas Faile	Alexis Hinson
Rebecca Liu	Isabella Ouyang
Leilani Polanco	Grayce Strickland
Ashley Terry	Mary Watts

Faculty Honors and Awards

Williams Middle School Teacher of the Year
Mrs. Paula Werner

Williams Middle School Support Person of the Year
Mrs. Everlena Washington

Pee Dee Conference Coach of the Year
Mr. Lester Davis, Jr.

Grant Recipients

Florence Regional Arts and Alliance
Grant Recipient
Mrs. Dolores Johnson

Pee Dee Federal Credit Union Grant
Mrs. Paula Werner

Pee Dee Federal Credit Union Grant
Mrs. Rocio Brown

2014-2015 School and Student Honors

WMS Academic Challenge Team
Pee Dee Champions /State Runner Up

WMS Girls Basketball Team
Battle of the Borders Tournament Champions
Pee Dee Conference Champions

MESSA Middle/Elementary School
Academy of Science
Mary Watts

Spelling Bee Champion
(School and Pee Dee Region)
Rebecca Liu

Geography Bee Champion
Katelyn Franck

Math Counts Team
Regional Winners

Atlantic Institutes Art Essay Contest Winner
Keana J. Keith

Best Singer in the District
Saviah Miller

Williams Middle School's Varsity Softball Players Voted Region VII 3A 2nd Team All-Region Honors

Pitcher-Peyton McLeod
Catcher-Brittany Sehnke
Utility Player-Amiya McCall
Honorable Mention 1st Base-J'Niya Garris

Faculty and School News

SHOWCASE is held in February of each year to display student work. Parents and community members are invited.

"Tiger Tones" is an all-year chorus class that does not require an audition. Students learn the basic elements of choral music and music composition, develop their choral skills and study music history. Performances during the year include: Veteran's Day Assembly, Williams' PTO Meetings, "Music at the Mall", and "Junior All City Concert".

Students in the **"Phat Pheet"** dance class learn about the many styles of dance, as well as choreographic techniques. Auditions for **"Phat Pheet"** are held in the spring for rising 8th grade students. Performances for the year include: "Performing Arts Center" Opening Weekend, "Pecan Festival", Williams SHOWCASE, Williams PTO Meetings and "Music at the Mall".

Positive Attitude for Student Success is an initiative begun four years ago to help boost attendance and success on the

Each year the **School Improvement Council** of Williams Middle School prepares an annual report for the parents and community highlighting the progress made during the previous year. We are pleased to summarize these exciting accomplishments as well as look ahead to the goals for the coming school year and beyond. Under the leadership of William Ervin, the SIC has continued its partnership with the National Network to Partnership Schools. More information about these implementations are available upon request from the school's front desk.

Our Mission

It is the mission of Williams Middle School to establish a strong foundation for lifelong learning by nurturing, challenging, and guiding the social and emotional development of every child.



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